



Dear Friends, Neighbors and Support Organizations:

Peninsula State Park will be selectively thinning a number of conifer plantations and removing Scotch pine on a variety of small parcels throughout the park beginning late October 2015. The scope of the project encompasses 72 acres from a variety of tracts throughout the 3,776 acre park property. Approximately 788 cords of wood product are estimated to be removed from the park which will occur over a 2-year period. The current Peninsula State Park Master Plan addresses vegetative management including timber harvesting to selectively thin conifer plantations and remove non-native species, such as Scotch pine. The purpose of this vegetative management is to improve forest vigor and convert conifer plantation to stands of northern hardwood species, such as sugar maple, by encouraging native species regeneration.

Recently, the Department of Natural Resources awarded a competitively bid timber sale contract to selectively thin conifer plantations and remove Scotch pine at the park. During the week of October 25, Hanstedt Wood & Recycling will begin removing Scotch pine and selectively thinning other conifer plantations in the park. Many of these plantations have been thinned previously. The professional logging contractor plans to work daily, including weekends, until November 15. There will be no weekend logging activities after November 15 or during the nine-day gun deer hunting season. Logging activities will continue through the winter season taking advantage of frozen ground conditions. Equipment operation will close roads and trails for a few weeks at a time in specific locations. Signs and maps will be posted along the road and at the park office alerting the public of road closures and notifying the public of the logging operation.

The following are highlights from the plan:

1. Hanstedt Wood & Recycling will begin professional conifer plantation thinning and Scotch pine removal at Peninsula State Park late October through March 31, 2016. Logging operations will also continue late October 2016 through March 31, 2017.
2. Temporary closures of roads, recreational trail corridors and portions of Tennison Bay Campground will occur.
3. There will be no logging activities on weekends after November 15, 2015.
4. There will be no logging activities during the 9 day deer gun season from November 21-29, 2015.
5. A map of Peninsula State Park with all identified parcels where the timber harvest will occur is attached to this letter. The maps and additional information can be found on the DNR website by searching keyword "[Peninsula](#)."
6. Informational packets will be available at the Peninsula State Park office during office hours.

If you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 920-868-1938.

Sincerely,  
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Attachment: Map

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